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Notice to Mariners – Project Scheduled at Wallops Sept. 12 – 17

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will support the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center in the firing of test projectiles from Wallops Island into the Atlantic Ocean Sept. 12 through 17. NASA has published on the Boaters Launch Information page under the Wallops web site at www.wff.nasa.gov the areas in the Atlantic Ocean that pose a danger to mariners during the project. Boaters are asked to remain clear of these areas during the firings.

Sept. 12 through 15 are the primary days for the project and Sept. 16 and 17 are backup days. The project is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 and 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 13 through 17.

Wallops will fly an orange aerostat (blimp) at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the mission is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune in to Marine Channel 12 to monitor the operations.

Completion of the mission will be noted on the Boaters Launch Information page on the Wallops web site as well as the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050.

Thank you for your assistance and support.